What is claimed is:

1   1.   A computer implemented method, comprising:
2   (a)   transmitting a print job to a printer, the printer being
3   responsive to the print job by converting the print job into printed media and
4   discharging the printed media into an output tray; and
5   (b)   displaying an indicator that indicates the identity of the
6   output tray.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the printer includes a plurality of
2   output trays.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the indicator further indicates the
2   present capacity of the output tray to receive additional media.

1   4.   The method of claim 3, further comprising:
2   (c)   periodically updating the indicator while the print job is being
3   printed.

1   5.   The method of claim 3, wherein the indicator includes an image of
2   the output tray with media contained therein.

1   6.   The method of claim 3, wherein the indicator includes an image of
2   the output tray with a stack of media contained therein and the method further
3   comprising:
4   (c)   while media is being discharged into the output tray,
5   periodically updating the image so as to increase the thickness of the stack.

1   7.   The method of claim 3, wherein the indicator includes an animated
2   image of the printer.

8.   The method of claim 3, wherein step (b) includes the following substeps:

            (b.1) displaying an image of the output tray; and

            (b.2) while the printed media is being discharged in the output tray, displaying an image of media moving into the output tray.

9.   The method of claim 3, wherein the indicator includes an image and the method further comprising:

            (c)   periodically determining the present number of media in the output tray; and

            (d)   when the present number is within a first pre-determined range, causing the image to be displayed in a first configuration; and

            (e)   when the present number is within a second pre-determined range, causing the image to be displayed in a second configuration.

10.   The method of claim 3, wherein the indicator includes an image and the method further comprising:

            (c)   periodically determining the present number of media in the output tray; and

            (d)   when the present number is within a first pre-determined range, causing the image to be displayed in a first color; and

            (e)   when the present number is within a second pre-determined range, causing the image to be displayed in a second color.

11.   A server, comprising:

            (a)   means for receiving a request from a client;

            (b)   means for responding to the request by transmitting a program of computer readable instructions to the client, the program for enabling the client to:

                    i)   use a specific printer having a plurality of output trays to print a document; and

                    ii)   display an indicator that indicates the identity of an output tray from the plurality of output trays that receives the document.

1   12.   The server of claim11, wherein the server is the printer.

1   13.The server of claim 11, wherein the indicator includes an image of the
2   printer.

1   14.   The server of claim 11, wherein the indicator includes an image of
2   the output tray that is receiving the document.

1   15.   The server of claim 11, wherein the client is a personal computer
2   connected to the server over a network.

1   16.   The server of claim 11, wherein the indicator further indicates the
2   present capacity of the output tray that is receiving the document to accept
3   additional media.

1   17.   The server of claim 11, wherein the indicator includes an animated
2   image of the printer.

1   18.   The server of claim 11, wherein the program is Web content.

1   19.   A computer readable medium embodying a program of instructions
2   for causing a computer to perform method steps, the method steps comprising:
3   displaying an indicator that identifies an output tray in a printer that is
4   presently receiving a particular print job.

1   20.   The computer readable medium of claim 19, wherein the indicator
2   includes an image of the printer with media dynamically moving into the output
3   tray.

1   21.   The computer readable medium of claim 19, wherein the program
2   of instructions is Web content.

1   22.   The computer readable medium of claim 19, wherein the method

2   steps further comprising:

3   displaying an indicator that indicates the present capacity of the

4   output tray to receive additional media.

1   23.   The computer readable medium of claim 19, wherein the indicator

2   includes an animated image of the printer.

1   24.   A printer having a plurality of output trays, comprising:

2   apparatus for responding to a request received from a client by

3   transmitting a program of computer readable instructions to the client, the

4   program for enabling the client to:

5   i)   use the printer to print a document; and

6   ii)   display an indicator that indicates an output tray from the

7   plurality of output trays that receives the document.

1   25.   The printer of claim 24, wherein the indicator includes an image of

2   the printer.

1   26.   The printer of claim 24, wherein the program is further for enabling

2   the client to inform a user the present capacity of the output tray receiving the

3   document.

1   27.   The printer of claim 24, wherein the indicator includes an animated

2   image of the printer.